

# NEW LIFE NEWS

“FOR WITH GOD NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.” LUKE 1:37



## THE FIRST MISSION TEAM OF 2024

From March 10-15, New Life Ministries welcomed a group of 13 from Christian Student Fellowship at IU Southeast. This was the first time we have served alongside this team and was our first mission team of 2024.

During the week, this team completed many projects at New Life Ministries and New Life Fellowship Church. They taught student-led Bible studies at the Men's Life House and Women's Life House, served lunch and dinner at the Meal Ministry, painted the kitchen cabinets at the church, began scraping paint, and led Wednesday Night Worship at New Life Fellowship.

When speaking with Shelia (a Campus Minister of Christian Student Fellowship), she shared how relationships were the highlight of this trip. Many students commute to campus and are not able to build those regular college relationships in a dorm room. Because of this trip, the students were able to build unity amongst themselves and experience living together as a community.

The group also built relationships with the community of Huntington. The men in the group celebrated the salvation of one of the residents at the Men's Life House. The group connected with a teenager attending the Meal Ministry and invited her to attend church with them on Wednesday. Shelia shared a specific story of one of the older patrons of the Meal Ministry who shared with them that he was thankful because those in the group were willing to have more than a surface-level conversation with him, saying it felt nice to be noticed.

As they planned to return home and to campus, Shelia shared, "I hope that they (the students) learned that missions are meaningful and fun. When we get back, I hope they feel inspired to get involved in missions beyond this trip and that they inspire other students to want to do missions."

Despite feeling scared or uncertain about serving before arriving, many students on this trip were already talking about wanting to come back and serve again. Their transformation during this trip was huge, and we hope we can serve alongside them again.

## LIFE HOUSE GRADUATION: STEVEN



We are excited to celebrate the graduation of Steven from the Men's Life House!

As shared by the Men's Life House House Manager, Jereme, "Steven came to us fresh out of rehab and ready to start over. He came to us with a set of goals in mind and with a purpose to create a better life."

"Steven had been with us before and really thought the short time to reset was enough. This time around, he was all in and realized he truly needed God in his life and time to make a true change."

"Steven buckled down and got a job. He was very goal oriented and didn't let any distractions get in his way. Not only did he start achieving the things he wanted to achieve, but he also began to counsel and help many of the other residents. He offered support in the form of 'you might not want to do that' and 'attaboys' along the way."

"Probation was satisfied by his progress at the six month mark and Steven had an awesome job and the money to leave. But he chose not to. Steven had made a promise to himself and me (Jereme) that he was going to be in it for the full eight month program and graduate. And he did just that."

We are proud of Steven and have seen him grow. We look forward to all that he will accomplish in his future.

## SPRING BANQUET KEYNOTE SPEAKER

New Life Ministries is excited to welcome Taylor Field as our keynote speaker for our 2024 Spring Banquet: Spring into Action!

Taylor Field served as an IMB Journeyman with his wife, Susan, in Hong Kong and has a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from Gateway Seminary. For the past 35 years, he has served with the North American Mission Board and now operates as Send Relief's Regional Director of the Northeast. Starting in a storefront called "Graffiti," he helped start five community ministry locations in New York City with additional affiliates in other urban areas. He is the author of ten books discussing urban ministry tactics and continues to faithfully serve church plants and community ministries in the Northeastern United States.



We invite you to join us on May 9 at The Clubhouse for this event and to hear the words Taylor will share with us. Purchase your tickets to attend today by visiting [spring2024.givesmart.com](https://spring2024.givesmart.com).